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- 1. NOT INCLUDED ON LC LIST BUT PROBABLY BEST QUALIFIED IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY IS PROFESSOR MAKOTO SAIGO, DEAN OF LAW FACULTY, TOKYO UNIVERSITY. ARTICULATE IN ENGLISH. SPECIALIZES IN INTRODUCTION TF IDEA OF REPRESENTATIVZ GOVERNMENT INTO JAPAN, THUS CAN RELATE JAPAN DEVELOPMENT TO U.S. IDEALS. HOWEVER, SAITO IS ALSO "DEAN" OF AMERICAN STUDIES SPECIALISTS IN JAPAN AND ASSUMING THERE WILL BE OTHER BICENTENNIAL EVENTS TO WHICH TOP JAPANESE SPECIALISTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES WOULD BE INVITED, SAITO SHOULD BE INVITED TO MOST APPROPRIATE.
- 2. OF NAMES LISTED, NAGOYA HOMMA WILL BE IN U.S. AT YALE ON ACLS GRANT AT TIME OF SYMPOSIUM. HOMMA IS CAPABLE AND ARTICULATE IN ENGLISH. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS HIM.
- 3. AMONG OTHERS LISTED, AKIRA IMAZU, KYOTO, IS LEADING AMERICAN STUDIES PERSON IN KANSAI DISTRICT, PAST EXPERT IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION BUT NOW BROADENED INTEREST TO WORLD HISTORY. ALTHOUGH GOOD, NOT AS FLUENT IN ENGLISH AS HOMMA, HOWEVER, SECOND CHOICE.
- 4. TWO OTHER SCHOLARS ON U.S. HISTORY IN U.S. ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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TADASHI ARUGA FROM SEIKEI UNIVERSITY, NOW ON ACLS GRANT

AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, AND YOSHIMITSU IDE, RIKKYO UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF HISTORY SPECIALIZING IN U.S. SOUTH. IDE WILL BE AT UNC CHAPEL HILL FROM MAY THIS YEAR.

- 5. IBARAKI, IKEMOTO APPEAR NOT TO BE ON TARGET. OSHIMO IS CAPABLE BUT SPECIALTY IS IN PURITANISM AND RELIGIOUS HISTORY.
- 6. KENICHI NAKAYA IS INCREASINGLY INACTIVE AND ENGLISH ABILITY HAS DECLINED IN RECENT YEARS. UNLESS ROLE WOULD BE LARGELY CEREMONIAL, WOULD NOT RECOMMEND HIM. SAME WITH SHIMIZU. SHOESMITH

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